In the Claims

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1. – 2. (Canceled)

3.   (Previously presented) A method for maintaining a license repository, comprising:

maintaining a number of entities in the license repository in a server by maintaining a profile for each of the entities, the number entities including a number of licensors and a number of licensees, each of the profiles including point of contact for at least one of the entities in the license repository;

generating a number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon an input from at least one of the licensees and the licensors, respectively;

maintaining the licenses in the license repository; and

wherein the step of generating the number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon the input from the at least one of the licensees and the licensors, further comprises:

generating a first one of the licenses based upon a unilateral input by a first one of the entities;

notifying a second one of the entities that is party to the first one of the licenses of the creation of the first one of the licenses, wherein the first one of the licenses is unconfirmed; and

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receiving a confirmation status input from the second one of the entities indicating whether the first one of the licenses is confirmed.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising maintaining a confirmation status of at least one of the licenses in the license repository.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

modifying a first one of the profiles in the license repository based upon a modification input received from a first one of the entities; and

notifying a second one of the entities that is party to one of the licenses with the first one of the entities of the modifying of the first one of the profiles.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising maintaining a number of license products associated with at least one of the licensors in the license repository.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising including an additional one of the number of license products in the license repository based upon a license product input from the at least one of the licensors.

9. – 10. (Canceled)

11.   (Previously presented) A program embodied on a computer-readable medium for maintaining a license repository, comprising:

code that maintains a number of entities in the license repository by maintaining a profile for each of the entities, the number entities including a number of licensors and a number of licensees, each of the profiles including point of contact for at least one of the entities in the license repository;

code that generates a number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon an input from at least one of the licensees and the licensors, respectively;

code that maintains the licenses in the license repository; and

wherein the code that generates the number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon the input from the at least one of the licensees and the licensors, further comprises:

code that generates a first one of the licenses based upon a unilateral input by a first one of the entities;

code that notifies a second one of the entities that is party to the first one of the licenses of the creation of the first one of the licenses, wherein the first one of the licenses is unconfirmed; and

code that updates a confirmation status of the first one of the licenses based upon a confirmation status input received from the second one of the entities indicating whether the first one of the licenses is confirmed.

12.   (Previously presented) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising code that maintains a confirmation status of at least one of the licenses in the license repository.

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13.   (Previously presented) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:

code that modifies a first one of the profiles in the license repository based upon a modification input received from a first one of the entities; and

code that notifies a second one of the entities that is party to one of the licenses with the first one of the entities of the modifying of the first one of the profiles.

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently Amended) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising code that maintains a number of license products associated with at least one of the licensors in the license repository.

16.   (Original) The program embodied on a computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising code that includes an additional one of the number of license products in the license repository based upon a license product input from the at least one of the licensors.

17. – 18. (Canceled)

19.   (Previously presented) A system for maintaining a license repository, comprising:

means for maintaining a number of entities in the license repository in a server by maintaining a profile for each of the entities, the number entities including a number of

licensors and a number of licensees, each of the profiles including point of contact for at least one of the entities in the license repository;

means for generating a number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon an input from at least one of the licensees and the licensors, respectively;

means for maintaining the licenses in the license repository; and

wherein the means for generating the number of licenses between respective pairs of the licensees and the licensors based upon the input from the at least one of the licensees and the licensors, further comprises:

means for generating a first one of the licenses based upon a unilateral input by a first one of the entities;

means for notifying a second one of the entities that is party to the first one of the licenses of the creation of the first one of the licenses, wherein the first one of the licenses is unconfirmed; and

means for indicating whether the first one of the licenses is confirmed based upon a confirmation status input received from the second one of the entities.

20.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising means for maintaining a confirmation status of at least one of the licenses in the license repository.

21.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising means for maintaining a number of license products associated with at least one of the licensors in the license repository.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising:

means for modifying a first one of the profiles in the license repository based upon a modification input received from a first one of the entities; and

means for notifying a second one of the entities that is party to one of the licenses with the first one of the entities of the modifying of the first one of the profiles.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for including an additional one of the number of license products in the license repository based upon a license product input from the at least one of the licensors.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of maintaining the confirmation status of the at least one of the licenses in the license repository further comprises indicating whether the at least one of the licenses is denied.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of maintaining the confirmation status of the at least one of the licenses in the license repository further comprises indicating whether the at least one of the licenses is confirmed.